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At the Court at *Hampton-Court*, *June* 13. 1700.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHereas His Majesty in Council hath received Information, by a Presentment from the Commissioners of the Customs, with several Affidavits thereunto annexed, of a very extraordinary Assault and Riot made upon the Collector, and other Officers of the Customs belonging to the Port of Chester, *at a Place called* Mostyn *in* Flintshire, *by a Company of Men Armed, and in Disguise, who Rescued out of the Possession of the said Officers a Parcel of Wines by them seized, beating, binding, wounding, and miserably abusing the said Officers, until they had rescued and carried off, or staved the said Wines. And His Majesty judging it necessary, that the Evil Consequences of so Notorious an Example, to the Prejudice of His Revenue, and Peace of the Kingdom, should be prevented by discovering the Offenders, and bringing them to Condign Punishment, Is graciously pleased to Promise a Pardon to any One of the Offenders, who shall Discover and Apprehend any One or more of the Principal Persons concerned in the said Riot, Assault and Rescue, so as he or they may be Prosecuted to a Conviction; And for a further Encouragement to such Discoverer, he shall also receive, as a Reward, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds; For the Payment whereof, the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury are to give the Necessary Directions accordingly. And it is Ordered, That Notice be given in the Gazette of His Majesty's Pleasure herein.*

John Povey.

Stockholme, June 5. *N. S.* The news of the Town of *Riga*'s being relieved by the *Swedish* Succours sent from *Finland*, was received here with a great deal of Joy; Of which, the Letters from the *Swedish* Camp near *Riga* of the 16th past brought us the following Particulars. The Forces from *Finland* being arrived near *Wenden*, Major-General *Maydell* was detached with 1200 Horse and 2000 Foot, and ordered to march with all possible speed to *Riga*, and endeavour to succour that Place, which had been besieged by the *Saxons* ever since *February* last; He sent Colonel *Kingspar* before with 300 Horse, and as many Foot, who meeting a Party of *Saxons* about two miles from *Wenden*, put them to flight, killing 20 of their Men, and taking a Corporal and 6 Soldiers Prisoners; Major-General *Maydell* being informed, that the rest of this Party were retired to *Hoppermuhle*, a Pass within four Leagues of *Riga*, which was guarded by 400 *Saxons*, he marched thither with his whole Detachment, and met another of the Enemy's Parties, who were attacked by the *Finlanders*, and several of them killed; The Major-General being come to the Pass, found it abandoned by the *Saxons*, who having broke down a Bridge that was there, were retired to *Neumuelen*, their chief Post. The Major-General repaired the Bridge with all possible diligence in order to pursue the *Saxons*, but this Work took up so much time, that the *Finlanders* could only come up with the Enemy's Rear, of whom they killed several. At *Neumuhlen* are several narrow Passes and one particularly that is very difficult; There the *Saxons* were very strongly intrenched, and had planted several Guns in order to defend this Post; but upon our approach they quitted it in the night, and having thrown their Cannon into the *Dwina*, retired in much disorder to their Head Quarters at *Jungfershoff*, about a League from *Riga*; This Post being likewise very well fortified, 'twas thought they would have maintained it, as they might easily have done; but believing (as is supposed) that the whole *Swedish* Army was ready to attack them, they repassed the *Dwina* in great haste over the Bridge of Boats they had there, which they broke down after them, leaving behind their Provisions and part of their Baggage. The *Swedes* in this occasion had not one Man killed or wounded; Major-General *Maydell* finding the *Saxons* had abandoned all their Posts on that side the *Dwina*, he took possession of them, and the main Body of the *Swedes* arrived soon after under the Command of General *Frolich*. The King of *Sweden* has given Orders, that more Troops may be sent thither from *Finland*, and some Forces likewise from *Carelscroone*, so that we hope they will in a short time be strong enough, not only to defend the Country of *Livonia*, but also to act offensively against the *Saxons*.

Warsaw, June 4. Monsieur *du Heron*, Envoy Extraordinary from *France*, has had another Audience of the King of *Poland*, and renewed his Instances, that he would desist from the War he has begun against *Sweden*, but was answered, That the King has writ to his Allies, whose Answer he expects, being under such Engagements, that he cannot do any thing in this Affair without their consent. In the mean time all the necessary Measures are taken for carrying on the War. The Great General of *Lithuania* has been prevailed with to assist the King with part of the Forces under his Command, provided he takes them into his own Pay; And the rest of the Forces of that Dutchy are to Guard the Frontiers of *Lithuania*. The King has made Prince *Ferdinand* of *Courland* General of his Artillery, and has ordered him to make new Levies in *Courland*, and to cause the Militia of that Dutchy to take Arms to defend their Frontiers. A great quantity of Ammunition is sent from hence to *Mariembourg*, to be carried from thence by Sea to *Courland*. The time of the King's departure to *Prussia* is not yet fixed.

From the Saxon *Camp near* Riga, June 6. *N. S.* We continue in our former Posts on this side the *Dwina* and have raised several Batteries along the River, to hinder the *Swedes* from passing it, which they seem resolved to do. They have fitted out 7 Boats, which cruise in the River, and hinder our receiving any Provisions by Water; And they have planted several Pieces of Cannon on the Ruines of an old Castle in an Island over against our Right Wing, with which they ply us very warmly, as they do likewise from a Battery they have made on a large flat-bottomed Boat over-against our Left; 'Tis said, Count *Welling* has joined the *Swedes* with 5000 Horse more from *Finland*. In the mean time we are fortifying our Camp, hoping to maintain the same till the Arrival of the Succours from *Poland* and *Saxony*, which we expect with much Impatience.

Dantzick, June 12. Three *Danish* Frigats which had lain some time in our Road, having received Orders by an Advice-Boat to join their main Fleet, are accordingly sailed from our Coasts. The Forces which lately arrived from *Saxony* in the Neighbourhood of *Elbing*, to the number of 8000 Men, continue their march with all possible diligence to the *Saxon* Camp near *Riga*; And a considerable quantity of Arms are sent from hence for two Regiments that are intended to be raised in *Courland*.

Pinnemberg, June 17. The two Armies continue in the same Camps, the Confederates near this Place, and the *Danes* at *Kellinghuisen*, and nothing considerable passes between them. In the mean time we hear Count *a'Eck*, the Imperial Minister, has made Proposals to the King of *Denmark* and to the Allies for a Cessation of Arms of 6 days, and that the *French* Ministers propose one of 14, but 'tis not yet said how far either Party has consented thereunto. There is Advice, that some of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*'s Forces are forming a Camp at *Lenzen*, on the *Elbe*, near the Borders of the Country of *Lunenburgh*.

Hamburgh, June 18. Marshal *Steenberg* arrived here two days ago with the Character of Envoy from *Wolfenbuttel*, and he is since gone to the Confederate Camp at *Pinnemberg*, with Orders, as 'tis said, to endeavour to prevail with the Allies to cause their Forces to march out of the King of *Denmark*'s Territories. There is a Report that the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, the Landgrave of

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